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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

Applicants hereby make of record the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Explanation of Non-English Language References

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

English-language abstracts are provided for the following references: DE 19624553, DE 20116755, DE 3626837, DE 3813470, EP 0717942, EP 0255869, EP 0393380, EP 0395536, EP 0395537, FR 2726440, FR 2766068, JP 2002-360309, and WO 95/11602.

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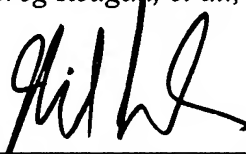
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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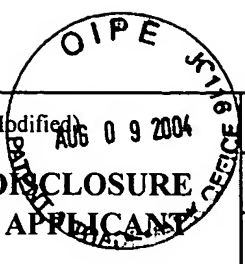
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